

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 906

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Girls Inc. of Hamblen County on their fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are composed of committed citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the youth in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is Girls Inc. of Hamblen County, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Girls Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire girls ages seven to eighteen to be strong, smart, and bold through hands-on educational activities in an after-school and summer program setting; and

WHEREAS, when it first opened its doors in March of 1972, Girls Inc., originally known as the Girls Club, welcomed young women from across Hamblen County and offered them a safe place to gather and learn about various career options, develop skills, and grow lasting friendships; and

WHEREAS, since then, Girls Inc. has provided a safe environment for girls to get away from life's trials and benefit from opportunities to learn new skills that will prepare them for success in adulthood; and

WHEREAS, this year, on their "halfway to 100" birthday, Girls Inc. will celebrate fifty years of hands-on, fun programming that has directly benefited countless Lakeway Area girls; and

WHEREAS, executive director Lise Bender credits the support of the community for allowing Girls Inc. to fulfill its mission of helping young girls grow into strong, engaged women; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the last fifty years, Girls Inc. is inviting the community to join them for special events like "Taste of Morristown" and a community-wide mural project; and

WHEREAS, through this year of celebration, the good people of Girls Inc. hope to convey their thanks to all the girls and families, past and present, and the community for motivating and inspiring them to be the best they can be; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Girls Inc. of Hamblen County on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and applaud its members, both past and present, on their contributions to their communities and the youth of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.